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SUBJECT: EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP'S TESTIMONY ON  
CANADA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP TESTIFIED BEFORE COMMONS  
COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE  
MARCH 19. STATEMENT CONTAINS LITTLE NEW, BUT IS  
USEFUL SUMMARY OF STATE OF CANADIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AND HIGHLIGHTS ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN. SECTION  
ON CANADA-US RELATIONS CONTAINED IN SEPTTEL. COPIES  
WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/CAN. ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE  
INCLUDE:

2. ENERGY. SHARP CITED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN  
WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP. NOTING  
CANADA'S SPECIAL POSITION AS BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER,  
HE POINTED OUT THAT CANADA CANNOT ESCAPE INFLATIONARY  
PRESSURE FROM OIL PRICE INCREASES, AND SAID CANADA HAD  
HELPED ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AMONG OIL  
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PRODUCERS. CANADA NOW HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

ALL MIDDLE EAST NATIONS. GOC PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ACTION BE TAKEN TO PREVENT COLLAPSE OF ECONOMIES DEPENDENT ON OIL IMPORTS AND WELCOMES "INTEREST" SHOWN BY PRODUCERS IN WAYS TO SHARE NEW WEALTH.

3. AID. SHARP DISCUSSED PROBLEMS FOR LDC'S POSED BY OIL PRICE INCREASES. GOC IS AGAINST ANY CUTBACK OF AID TO LDC'S AND WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT OF MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND BILATERAL PROGRAMS. SHARP MENTIONED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND WORLD POPULATION YEAR.

4. EUROPE. SHARP MENTIONED 1972 PAPER ON US-CANADIAN RELATIONS AND POLICY OF DIVERSIFYING FOREIGN RELATIONS TO REDUCE CANADIAN VULNERABILITY. HE WELCOMED "FACT THAT CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE PROMISED CANADA BY EC-NINE AT PARIS SUMMIT IN OCTOBER 1972 HAS NOW ENTERED ITS CREATIVE PHASE." HE CITED EC INVITATION TO CANADA TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN, AND SAID GOC RESPONSE WOULD BE READY SOON. SHARP SAID COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CANADA AND EC OF VITAL IMPORTANCE, BUT THAT "RECENT EVENTS" IN US-EC EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATED DIFFICULTIES THIS EXERCISE. CANADA WILL CONTINUE WORK ON NATO DECLARATION, IN CSCE WITH EMPHASIS ON BASKET III, AT MBFR, AND BILATERALLY WITH WEST EUROPEAN STATES.

5. HUMANITARIAN AID FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. SHARP MENTIONED COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT IN AUGUST 1973 TO EXTEND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO "INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE HUMAN DIGNITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION." CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NONGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES FOR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

6. PRESENTATION WAS LOW-KEY AND NON-PROVOCATIVE. SHARP CONCLUDED BY PLEDGING CONTINUED CANADIAN INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION, POPULATION PLANNING, AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION.  
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